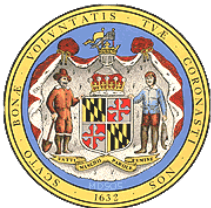


Justice Reinvestment Local Government Commission



Subject: February 2020 Meeting Minutes
Date: February 11, 2020
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Jessup Correctional Institution

Board members:

In person or by phone: Corey Pack (Chair), Capt.. Dan Lasher, Joseph Hughes, Lt. Wayne Rumsey, Angela Talley, Randy Lee Martin, Charles Scott

Guests: Patricia Stevens, Marsha Briley, Carolyn Scruggs, Monica Thomas, Mary Ann Thompson, Darren McGreggor, Maj. T.D. Reece

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services: Daniel Atzmon

- **Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.**
- **Introductions**

New members of the Local Government Commission were introduced along with guests. For the first time, this meeting was scheduled in coordination with the Maryland Correctional Administrators Association (MCAA) executive meeting due to the overlap in membership and desire to ease the burden of travel and scheduling on members. The Commission hopes to continue this coordination in the future.

- **Review of Minutes**

Minutes from the November 2019 meeting reviewed and approved without objection

- **DPSCS Updates**

The DPSCS Asst. Secretary Scruggs discussed the Rockbridge facility and its transition into a pre-release facility for men and women. The goal is to give the population opportunities for work and connect them with services to reinstate them into the community. The building is being

redesigned to accommodate these services and additional educational training. Participants will be tracked for 6 months after release.

DPSCS was also awarded a grant to facilitate reentry specialists. The Department has seen significant success with almost everyone being released with a home plan as well as new employer partnerships like one with Purdue on the Eastern Shore.

Local agencies that have not yet signed on to the MOU for reentry programs please do so. DPSCS is also addressing services for vulnerable populations. Additionally, it is working to process victim notifications in a timelier manner when individuals are released.

Next measures include addressing faith-based communities and facilitating a faith-based symposium for them and also looking to implement a faith-based transport system for reentry. If members know of employers or “champion” employers within your county that are willing to give those reentering a chance please let DPSCS know.

- **Housing Discussion**

Joanna from Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH) discussed housing programs. Housing was discussed as an essential healthcare right. HCH programs work in a range of wrap-around services to connect with the homeless and their communities. Housing is related to every other issue.

There is a large amount of evidence of homelessness being criminalized and those that are homeless receiving a disproportionate amount of charges. Criminal records often prevent individuals from receiving housing and perpetuate the cycle of homelessness. This is why the reentry work of this group and its agencies is so essential.

A lot of homeless and housing services exist in areas like Baltimore city but possibly not in other jurisdictions within the state. The group discussed connecting other jurisdictions with certain services by contacting Healthcare for the Homeless.

- **HB116 Updates**

Jim Hedrick from GOCPYVS shared updates on HB116 implementation. This was a brief continuation of the discussion during the MCAA executive meeting. The selection of the next round of sites as well as funding processes was discussed.

- **Performance Incentive Grant Fund Updates**

GOCPYVS discussed the PIGF grant process and shared information on those receiving awards.

- **Federal COAP Grant**

GOCPYVS provided updates on the Federal COAP grant the office was awarded to support police-led diversion programs across Maryland. Daniel encouraged other local partners to

explore opportunities to get involved in the planning processes in their jurisdictions, especially local detention centers which will play an active role in the programming in some jurisdictions.

- **JRA County Council & Stakeholder Visits**

Chairman Pack discussed his interest in scheduling visits with stakeholders across the state to keep local officials engaged with JRA and to provide updates, answer questions, and learn how this work can be supportive of their local goals.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.